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Applicant: Roby et al.

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted, Applicant encloses herewith a properly executed original Declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63. Please charge the required fee of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) along with a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted to Deposit Account No. 21-0550.

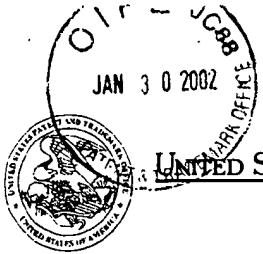
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Respectfully submitted,

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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